

CONDITION OF POOR NOT EXAGGERATED

Wealthy Citizen Makes Tour and Finds Many Families Needing Relief.

In order to see for himself the conditions existing among the poor, one of Richmond's wealthiest business men, who promised to furnish aid wherever the situation appeared to him as deserving, yesterday visited certain homes with Dr. James Buchanan, secretary of the Associated Charities. Four families were seen, and in no case did the "citizen" fail either to pay past due rent, or else give money for supplies and clothing. In two instances, the emergency was such that the rent was unpaid, and the family reduced to the verge of starvation and nakedness.

More than \$50 was dispensed, and the "citizen," being assured that there is no exaggeration in the newspaper accounts of suffering prevailing, left other funds to be distributed by Dr. Buchanan. From its appeal to the public, the Associated Charities has secured promises from thirty citizens, who have agreed to be responsible for the care of one family process. In dispensing Christmas cheer, the organization will not undertake, as a generality, the Christmas basket proposition, but will endeavor to dispense help in a more substantial way. Baskets will be given out where persons have indicated that the money be so spent, but Dr. Buchanan will otherwise meet the emergencies as each case seems to require.

In selecting the families to be visited, Dr. Buchanan gave the "citizen" a list of 2,000 names, and asked that he point out the names of any he might wish to see. At the first house visited, the father was sick, and a wife and six dependent children had no way of earning a living. The rent was in arrears, and food and clothing were needed. The "citizen" met the emergency. At the second home, the mother of five children was ill. The father had deserted her. At the third four children were dependent on a father, who is physically unable to work.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Continued cold and generally fair Thursday and Friday; light to moderate northwest winds.

North Carolina—Fair; continued cold Thursday and Friday; light to moderate northwest to north winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.	
8 A. M. temperature	28
Humidity	70
Wind, direction	N.W.
Wind, velocity	12
Weather	Clear
Rainfall	0.00
12 noon temperature	34
3 P. M. temperature	35
Deficiency in temperature since March 1	428
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1	70
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1	6.85
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1	6.31

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.	(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)
Place	Ther. H. T. Weather.
Detroit	38 50 Rain
Jupiter	58 66 P. cloudy
Key West	68 70 Rain
Galveston	48 50 Rain
Savannah	44 52 Clear
Buffalo	24 26 Rain
Oklahoma City	34 38 Clear
New Orleans	58 60 Rain
Mobile	52 48 Clear
Atlanta	30 38 Clear
Norfolk	48 50 Rain
Hatteras	38 44 Clear
Asheville	20 28 Rain
Cincinnati	22 24 Rain

MINIATURE ALMANAC.	December 23, 1909.
Sun rises	7:23
Sun sets	4:55
Moon sets	1:31
Moon sets	1:43

WELCOME WORDS TO WOMEN

Women who suffer with disorders peculiar to their sex should write to Dr. Pierce and receive free the advice of a physician of over 40 years' experience—a skilled and successful specialist in the diseases of women. Every letter of this sort has the most careful consideration and is regarded as strictly confidential. Many sensitively modest women write fully to Dr. Pierce what they would shrink from telling to their local physician. The local physician is pretty sure to say that he cannot do anything without "an examination." Dr. Pierce holds that these distasteful examinations are generally needless, and that no woman, except in rare cases, should submit to them.

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ASKS THAT PEARY SUBMIT HIS PROOF

(Continued From Page One—Column 5.)
Explorations. The Royal Geographical Society takes the same ground.

Nansen Denounces Him.
CHRISTIANIA, December 22.—Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian Arctic explorer, to-day broke his long silence and talked of the Peary-Cook controversy.

"It is my opinion," he said, "that Cook is no longer interesting. He is practically a dead man and ought to vanish from the consideration of the world. I never trusted him, for the first report which he made did not inspire confidence, especially his statements concerning the distance of fourteen seconds from the pole. This proved that Cook was ignorant of the simplest principles of astronomical observation. Even his later reports contained nothing of value; on the contrary, they were filled with improbabilities and contradictions. From the first I was unable to support Dr. Cook. I therefore preferred to keep silent. As for Peary, I never doubted his veracity, although I should not approve of his behavior after his return. However, it is easy to understand his indignation. At least he is a man, and there is no comparison between him and Cook."

Expedition Starts.
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, December 22.—The expedition that was organized several months ago to attempt an ascent of Mount McKinley and disprove Dr. Cook's statement that he had reached the summit, set out from Fairbanks to-day with a dog team and supplies to establish a base at the foot of the mountain, to be ready to make a dash for the summit in March at the first break of the winter. The party is composed of six hardy Alaska pioneers, all familiar with the mountain. They will forfeit \$5,000 if none of the party reaches the summit.

May Speak South Pole.
NEW YORK, December 22.—Commander Peary very strongly intimated to-night in a speech at the banquet of the New England Society that the expedition which he led successfully to the North Pole might also try for the South Pole. However, he did not commit himself definitely as to his own share in such an expedition. "The Stars and Stripes have been planted at the North Pole," said Peary. "It would seem a fitting sequel to that work if the organization, the personnel, the material, the equipment, the methods, so perfected, might be directed toward the South Pole with the possibility that the Stars and Stripes might wave at both ends of the earth's axis."

Rear-Admiral Schley Wants Peary to Submit Proofs



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the minister, "I don't believe influence the Danes appreciably in their reception of the explorer. Cook reached Copenhagen with a story of polar conquest which there was no reason to doubt. Danish explorers vouched for Cook's standing in the world of discovery and received him with open arms. Officially I did practically nothing for Cook but to supply him with clothing and give him a small reception, which newspaper men attended," continued Dr. Egan. "His presentation to the King came about as a result of the Crown Prince's desire to meet the explorer. At the Prince's request I took Cook to the palace, where he met the members of the royal family."

No Comment From Peary.
NEW YORK, December 22.—I have no comment to make on Admiral Schley's statement. This was the brief written statement sent out by Commander Peary to-night from the headquarters of the Peary-Cook expedition, where he was a guest of the New England Society.

Wants Cook Ousted.
NEW YORK, December 22.—Rudolph Kersting, newly elected treasurer of the Arctic Club, who accompanied Dr. Cook on the Greenland expedition in 1884 and in 1891 to Alaska, broached the subject of Dr. Cook's membership. He argued that the University of Copenhagen, after a studied and thorough investigation, had declared Dr. Cook an impostor, and favored immediate steps to dislodge him from the club.

CAPTAIN CHARGED WITH PADDING ROLLS

Inspector-General Stern Sent to Norfolk to Inquire Into Alleged Illegal Actions of Coast Artillery Officers—Sensational Developments Expected.

As a result of charges preferred direct to Governor Swanson against Captain E. D. C. Matthews, commanding the Second Company Coast Artillery, Virginia Volunteers, of Norfolk, a series of alleged plots and counterplots in the Volunteer ranks and the Corps is about to be exposed which will involve several officers in the service both commissioned and non-commissioned. At the present time the case is in such a state of entanglement that the Governor has asked for a complete investigation as a primary consideration before the charges are formally brought to trial. Inspector-General J. Lane Stern has been directed to make a preliminary inquiry and report. It is understood that the charges have caused the postponement of the formation of a battalion of coast artillery at Norfolk and the election of a major. Instead of electing a major a meeting of the officers was held. Major C. L. Wright, the assistant adjutant-general, who had been designated to preside at the meeting, is quoted as saying that Colonel Stern found sufficient ground in the charges to necessitate a court of inquiry. No date, it is noted, has been set for the investigation, but it is believed it will be held early in the year.

The Specific Charges.
The specific charges against Captain Matthews are mustering in men in his command illegally, mustering in a man who was under the influence of liquor and padding the muster rolls of the company. These charges are preferred by First Lieutenant Faircloth, of the Third Company, of Portsmouth, and it is alleged that they were brought to "get even" with Captain Matthews for preferring charges against Quartermaster-Sergeant S. L. Valden, of the Second Company. It is understood that Valden was a candidate for a commission in Captain Matthews's company, recently, and that he had a fair chance of winning. Valden's friends declare that the charges were brought against him to prevent his candidacy for this commission. The charges brought against Valden, it is alleged, were intimation while on duty, because he struck a match against one of the newly posted in the armory recently, and when spoken to about discharging the post, he reported to have said, "I don't care. I'd burn the old place down if I could get by." This remark is said to have led to the other two charges.

HARVARD CAPTAIN ENTERS BUSINESS

Hamilton Fish, Jr., Quits College After Losing Class Marshalship.

WORKING FOR HIS FATHER

New Yorker Finishes His Major Courses, But Will Return in the Spring.

CAMBRIDGE, December 22.—Although Hamilton Fish, Jr., captain of the 1909 Harvard varsity football team, had been expected back in Cambridge on Monday or this week, he did not show up here as he had declared in the preceding Saturday he would. He has not made public any explanation of his sudden withdrawal from Harvard in his senior year. Nor do the university authorities appear to have anything to say on the subject.

It can be stated authoritatively that Fish will return to Harvard some time late in the spring to take his degree—for he finished his major courses and can easily take care of the little remaining work he has to do. But Harvard will never again know Hamilton Fish, Jr., as an undergraduate if he persists in his present course.

He has entered his father's office at 22 Wall Street, New York City, as the latter's secretary, and started on his duties yesterday morning, and it developed later in the day that he had intended the precaution to secure a letter of absence from his college authorities, a leave covering the entire second semester of his senior year.

The feeling in the senior class over the affair is known to be growing steadily higher instead of abating, as has been hoped or expected. It is with Fish's absence, and it has spread to the whole student body. The trouble is a deep-rooted one, and few of Fish's classmates and members of the opposition to him make any bones about admitting that Fish lost the first marshaling election of conditions in the football squad. Equally friends of Captain Fish bitterly resent any questions that may be asked concerning him, and they declare that the opposition went out of its way to offend a man whose impulses and greatest interests have always been for Harvard's welfare. Whether the faculty will take any action in the controversy remains to be seen.

The names coupled on the campus with Fish's absence are those of Percy W. Huntington, head of the Harvard football teams of the last two seasons, and Lethrop Withington, captain of the 1910 eleven. Withington's slow choice to choose or designate a coach for next fall and the recent immigration to Cambridge of "Dave" Campbell, where he is engaged in a business that will leave him plenty of time for football, indicate, so many Harvard students intimate, that Withington is side with Fish in the row that has developed.

Intercollegiate Chess Tournament.
NEW YORK, December 22.—At the conclusion of play to-night in the first round of the intercollegiate chess tournament between Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Princeton. Columbia and Yale both led their opponents. Four players represent each university. Harvard, 2½ points; Columbia, 2½ points; Yale, 2½ points; Princeton, 1½ points. The second round will be played to-morrow.

Dr. Harris Continues Ill.
Dr. William H. Harris, assistant in the electrical department of the Memorial Hospital, is critically ill with peritonitis. He underwent an operation several days ago.

Here on Railway Business.
A. L. Weston, president of the Northern district of the Southern Railway, was in Richmond yesterday. His visit was entirely with regard to business matters.

OBITUARY

Miss Frances Moncure.
Miss Frances Daniel Moncure died at 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning, at her residence, 2412 Hanover Avenue. The funeral will be from the residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Interment will be at Brewington, King and Queen counties.

Funeral of Mrs. R. L. Hagan.
The funeral of Mrs. Esther Morgan Hagan, wife of R. L. Hagan, who died yesterday at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, will take place from the Pine Street Baptist Church at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Interment will be in Hollywood Cemetery.

Mrs. Clarence D. Smith.
Mrs. Marian Summers Smith, wife of Clarence D. Smith, died suddenly at her residence, 525 South Laurel Street, yesterday, in the forty-fourth year of her age.

The funeral will be from the residence at 10 o'clock this morning. Interment will be in Hollywood.

Mrs. J. T. Sanderson, Sr.
Mrs. A. Burton Sanderson, widow of J. T. Sanderson, Sr., died yesterday, after an illness of six months, at her residence, 525 South Laurel Street. Two sons and two daughters survive her—Mrs. Holzapfel and Mrs. Lulu Anderson, and John T. and A. W. Sanderson—also eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be from Holy Trinity Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon. THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, December 23, at 3 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited.

SMITH.—Died, suddenly, at her residence, 525 South Laurel Street, MARIAN SUMMERS, beloved wife of Clarence D. Smith, in the forty-fourth year of her age. Funeral from the residence THIS (Thursday) MORNING at 10 o'clock. Interment in Hollywood. Baltimore papers please copy.

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W. Brandt, aged forty-four years, a merchant, died this morning at 3:30 o'clock, three hours after being stricken with paralysis. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Mrs. Bennett Chappel.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BALTIMORE, VA., December 22.—Mrs. Bennett Chappel, of Prince Edward County, died here this morning at 4 o'clock, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Goodman. She leaves a husband and one child.

John H. Wood.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 22.—John H. Wood, aged eighty years, died last night at the home of his son-in-law, Thomas R. Turner, where he had been ill for some time. He was a Confederate veteran.

DEATHS

HAGAN.—Died, at the residence of her husband, 507 South Laurel Street, ESTHER MORGAN HAGAN, wife of R. L. Hagan, in the thirty-first year of her age, at 5:30 p. m. December 21, 1909. She leaves a husband, six children, two brothers, one sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place at Pine Street Baptist Church, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, December 24, at 3 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend. Interment in Hollywood.

MONCURE.—Died, at her mother's residence, 2412 Hanover Avenue, at 3:30 a. m., December 22, 1909, FRANCIS DANIEL MONCURE. Funeral from residence THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, December 23, 1909, at 3 o'clock. Interment at Brewington, King and Queen counties, Va.

NUCKOLS.—Died, at his residence, No. 908 Randolph Street, Mr. WILLIAM A. NUCKOLS, in the forty-first year of his age, at 10:30 a. m., December 21, 1909. He was a faithful employee of the city for more than fifteen years, over half of that time a faithful and efficient police officer. The funeral will be held from Randolph Street Baptist Church, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, December 24, at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery.

RANDOLPH.—Died, suddenly, Monday night, Mrs. NORA RANDOLPH, beloved friend and faithful servant of Mrs. PEYTON WISE. Funeral from the First Baptist Church (colored) TO-DAY (Thursday) at noon.

SANDERSON.—Died, December 22, after an illness of six months, at her residence, 525 South Laurel Street, AIRENA BURTON SANDERSON, widow of J. T. Sanderson, Sr., who died in the eightieth year of his age. Two sons and two daughters survive her—Mrs. Holzapfel and Mrs. Lulu Anderson, John T. and A. W. Sanderson—also eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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FUNERAL NOTICE

CROOKS.—The funeral of MR. REZIN HAMMOND CROOKS, who died Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the eightieth year of his age, will take place from his late residence, 213 East Tenth Street, Manchester, THIS (Thursday) MORNING at 10 o'clock. Interment in Maury Cemetery.



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